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SUBJECT: REPUBLICAN MINISTERS OFFER RESIGNATIONS

1. PRIME MINISTER CONFIRMED TO ME MORNING JUNE 5 THAT PRIOR TO SHOOTING OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOUR MINISTERS FROM SIRIK MATAK'S REPUBLICAN PARTY HAD TENDERED THEIR RESIGNATIONS. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT PRESIDENT LON NOL HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT THEM AND THIS IS WHERE MATTER STANDS AS OF THIS MORNING.

2. PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT WITH VACANCY IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF DOING SOME RESHUFFLING IN THE CABINET WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL APPEASE BOTH THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE TWO NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES. IN ADDITION TO FILLING THE EDUCATION SLOT, PRIME MINISTER IS THINKING OF CREATING A SPECIAL DEPUTY MINISTER POSITION IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN CHARGE OF EXPEDITING ANY ISSUES WHICH COME TO THAT KEY POSITION. HENCE WITH TWO SLOTS TO FILL, PRIME MINISTER IS MANEUVERING TO DEFUSE CRITICISM OF REPUBLICANS AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

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3. PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT LON NOL CONVOKED PRESIDENTS

OF SENATE AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND ASKED THEM TO VOTE SOME
MOTION OF SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR PATIENCE AND MODERATION
DISPLAYED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH THE STUDENT CRISIS.
WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS TO SEE TO WHAT EXTENT
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL NOW CLOSE RANKS.
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